

a.) Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 9-11 to read as follows.

- (2) The liver function protecting or improving agent according to (1), wherein the plant of the family *Saxifragaceae* ~~belongs~~ is a plant belonging to the genus *Saxifraga*.

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 17-19 to read as follows.

- (4) The liver function protecting or improving agent according to (1), wherein the plant of the family *Saxifragaceae* ~~belongs~~ is a plant belonging to the genus *Hydrangea*.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 13-15 to read as follows.

- (12) The food and drink according to any of (9) to (11), wherein the plant of the family *Saxifragaceae* ~~belongs~~ is a plant belonging to the genus *Saxifraga*.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 19-21 to read as follows.

- (14) The food and drink according to any of (9) to (11), wherein the plant of the family *Saxifragaceae* ~~belongs~~ is a plant belonging to the genus *Hydrangea*.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 9-11 to read as follows.

- (20) The feed according to any of (17) to (19), wherein the plant of the family *Saxifragaceae* ~~belongs~~ is a plant belonging to the genus *Saxifraga*.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 17-19 to read as follow.

- (22) The feed according to any of (17) to (19), wherein the plant of the family *Saxifragaceae* ~~belongs~~ is a plant belonging to the genus *Hydrangea*.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 5-7 to read as follows.

- (27) The additive for foods and drinks according to (25) or (26), wherein the plant of the family *Saxifragaceae* ~~belongs~~ is a plant belonging to the genus *Saxifraga*.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 13-15 to read as follows.

- (29) The additive for foods and drinks according to (25) or (26), wherein the plant of the family *Saxifragaceae* ~~belongs~~ is a plant belonging to the genus *Hydrangea*.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 7, line 35 and ending at page 8, line 1 to read as follows.

- (34) The feed additive according to (32) or (33), wherein the plant of the family *Saxifragaceae* ~~belongs~~ is a plant belonging to the genus *Saxifraga*.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 7-9 to read as follows.

- (36) The feed additive according to (32) or (33), wherein the plant of the family *Saxifragaceae* ~~belongs~~ is a plant belonging to the genus *Hydrangea*.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 19-21 to read as follows.

- (46) The food and drink or feed according to (45), wherein the plant of the family *Saxifragaceae* ~~belongs~~ is a plant belonging to ~~the genus~~ *Saxifraga*.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 27-29 to read as follows.

- (48) The food and drink or feed according to (45), wherein the plant of the family *Saxifragaceae* ~~belongs~~ is a plant belonging to ~~the genus~~ *Hydrangea*.